



**PRAYATNA**

# FEAST OF THE ASCENSION


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BEHOLD I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS  
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE

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MAY 12 WEDNESDAY 7.00 PM





*Pentecost is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation.*

*May 23 Sunday  
Holy Pentecost  
8.30 am Mourning  
Prayer followed by  
Divine Liturgy*

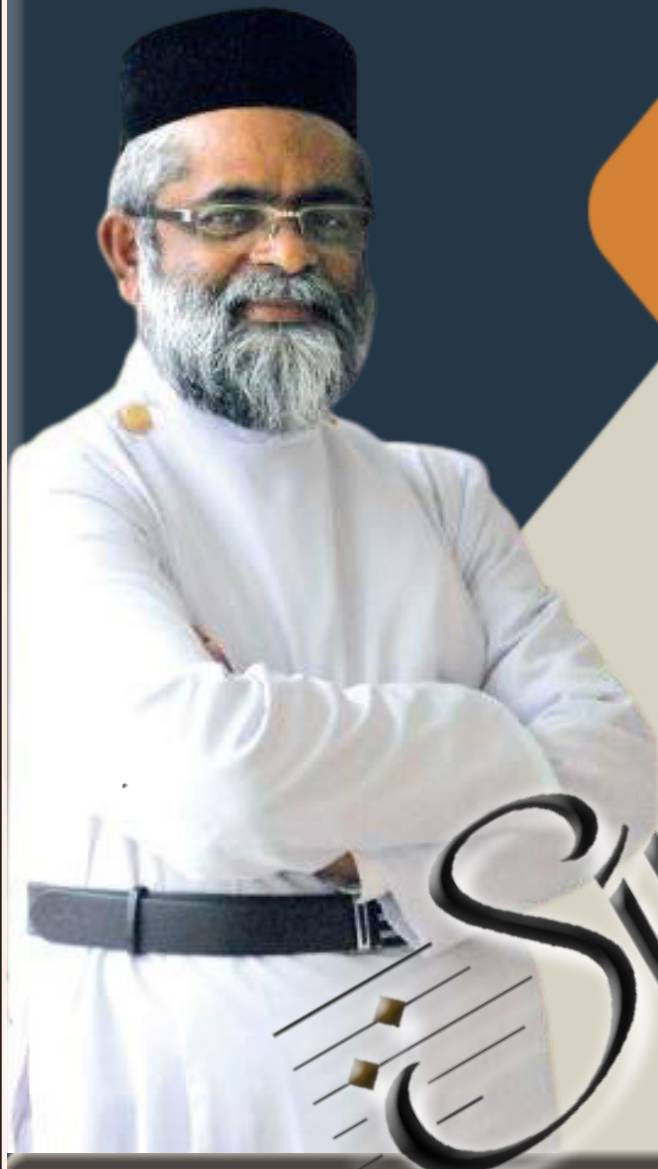


# St. Marys Malankara Orthodox Church

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The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church is proud of its worshipping heritage. It is through the worship that the faith, tradition, and practice of our fathers are passed down through the generations. Chat with M P George Achen to know more about the sacral music of our Church.

**May 22 Saturday 2 pm & 23 Sunday 2 pm**





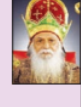
**Sing For Joy**  
**You're Invited**



# SEASON OF PENTECOST

## MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> - AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

<b>2</b> ♩4 <small>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after New Sunday</small>	<b>3</b> ♩8  <small>108<sup>th</sup> Mem. of H.H. Baselios Paulose I (Pampakuda Cheriya Palli)</small>	<b>4</b> ♩4  <small>16<sup>th</sup> Mem. of Sabhakavi Sri C. P. Chandy (Pathanamthitta Basil Dayara)</small>	<b>5</b> ♩8	<b>6</b> ♩4	<b>7</b> ♩8	<b>8</b> ♩4  <small>Comme. of St. John the Evangelist</small>
<b>9</b> ♩5 <small>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after New Sunday</small>	<b>10</b> ♩1  <small>Comm. of St. Simon the Apostle (Zealot) 256<sup>th</sup> Mem. of Mar Thoma V (Niranam Valiya Palli)</small>	<b>11</b> ♩5	<b>12</b> ♩1	<b>13</b> ♩5  <small>†Salego Ascension of our Lord</small>	<b>14</b> ♩1	<b>15</b> ♩1  <small>i do d-yeldas Aicho d Al Shablo †Feast of St. Mary for the Crops</small>
<b>16</b> ♩6  <small>(Sunday before Pentecost) 31<sup>st</sup> Mem. of Yuhanon Mar Severios (Koratti Zion Seminary)</small>	<b>17</b> ♩2	<b>18</b> ♩6	<b>19</b> ♩2  <small>196<sup>th</sup> Mem. of Punnathra Mar Dionysius III (Kottayam Cheriya Palli)</small>	<b>20</b> ♩6 <small>Comme. of the 4 Evangelists, All fathers of the 3 Ecumenical Synods</small>	<b>21</b> ♩2  <small>Comme. of St. Helen the Queen</small>	<b>22</b> ♩6

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>23</b> ♩7  <small>† Pentigosti Feast of the Pentecost (Fifteenth day after Easter)</small>	<b>24</b> ♩3	<b>25</b> ♩7	<b>26</b> ♩3  <small>7<sup>th</sup> Memory of Mar Baselios Marthoma Didymos I (Pathanapuram Dayara)</small>	<b>27</b> ♩7	<b>28</b> ♩3 <small>†rubto ddahbo Golden Friday (Friday after Pentecost)</small>	<b>29</b> ♩7
<b>30</b> ♩8 <small>1st Sunday after Pentecost</small>	<b>31</b> ♩4	2021 JUNE				
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		<b>1</b> ♩8 <small>Comme. of Aaron the Monk</small>	<b>2</b> ♩4	<b>3</b> ♩8	<b>4</b> ♩4	<b>5</b> ♩8

May 22nd Saturday

6 PM Evening Prayer, Message, Rassa

May 23rd Sunday

8.30 am Mornig Prayer followed by

Divine Liturgy, Rassa, Nercha

Chief celebrant: **Rev.Fr.Dr.M P George**



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ഓർമ്മ പെരുന്നാൾ

## BIRTHDAY - MAY

Jayden Abraham	May 1
Mary Andrews	May 2
Renjith George	May 5
Thomas Varughese	May 5
Rachel Varughese	May 6
Namitha Elsa George	May 7
Shyja Uthup	May 9
Aby Poulouse	May 10
Saramma Abraham	May 10
Ciji Annie Abraham	May 10
Sunil Easaw	May 12
Rev. Fr. John Geevarghese	May 13
Serah Mary Binoy	May 13
Sneha Mary Binoy	May 13
P. C. George	May 15
Eapen Panicker	May 16
Naveen Philip	May 16
Jayson Thomas	May 16
Nitza Sujith	May 17
Gina Johnson	May 17
Abraham Mathew	May 18
Alex Sam	May 18
Sheeba Cherian	May 18
Steny George	May 19
Ethan Mathew	May 20
Jineesha Elsa Wilson	May 21
Shaji Pulimoottil	May 21
Nicholas Veettinal Ninan	May 21
George Thomas	May 22
Andrea Elsa Thomas	May 23
Aleena Sara Anil	May 23
Karattil Thomas Chacko	May 24
Shoba Johnson	May 25
Susan V Oommen	May 25
Sosamma Philipose	May 25
Jeevan Joseph	May 26

Sheeba Mary Philip	May 28
Ancy Wilson	May 28
Jeena Cheriyan	May 28
Bindu Anil	May 29
Anna Oommen	May 29
Anil Samuel	May 30
Babu V. Kurian	May 30
Benny George	May 30
Binoy M. Philip	May 30
Binu Varghese	May 31
Paul Yohannan	May 31
Ani Ninan	May 31
Sneha M. Joseph	May 31

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - MAY

George Abraham Thekedath & Nancy A. George	May 6
Babu V. Kurian & Annie B. Kurian	May 19
Blesson T. Varghese & Ann Varghese	May 24
Nithin Veettinal Ninan & Ancy Wilson	May 25
Karattil Thomas Chacko & Aleyamma Chacko	May 27
Libu Chiramel Kurien & Rinu Mariam George	May 27
Rahul Rajan & Seema Rahul Rajan	May 31

A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful MMVS chefs who helped make our pickle sale a success.

Soosan Mathew & Ani Ninan for the delicious Mango Pickle! And Salamma Alex for both the splendid Mango and Beet Root pickles!

Your tasty creations are so well loved and appreciated

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## Fruitfully Living

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)*

**G**rief is something that everybody goes through at some point in their lives. We can not understand why some of our hearts' desires have not yet been fulfilled. Life throws us many challenges at times. The question is "How do we react to them"? on such occasions. To respond proactively, we must seek the help of Jesus Christ. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13), and without him we will be unable to do anything. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

The Bible tells us how to maneuver successfully in any difficult situation. What kind of a person are you? Have you the qualities of Hannah, Ruth, Deborah, Abigail, or a mix-up of them all? To win the fight, we must equip ourselves with some good qualities. Let us pray for God's grace to empower us. Here are five biblical women whose stories have valuable lessons worth studying and incorporating into our own lives:

### Hannah – Women of Patience

**E**lkanah loved Hannah and did not despise her despite Hannah's inability to bear children. In spite of Elkanah's affection, Hannah's barrenness had a deep impact on her. Peninnah's insult constantly reminded Hannah of her perpetual pain of being barren and her longing for a child. On the other hand, Hannah exemplified herself as a woman of integrity by her unceasing prayer for a child. She trusted in God, and in her shame and pain poured out her heart to God. Eli, the priest, mistook her at first sight as drunk when he saw her praying.



**H**annah did not have an iota of doubt in God's ability. Hannah was well-aware of where she should look for help when in trouble. She was the Lord's servant to whom she was deeply devoted. She had deep faith in God's ability to perform the miracle she had requested for. She knew that God alone could hear her prayer and fulfill her heart's desire. Hannah was a woman of prayer. We see in 1 Samuel 2:1-10; She prayed to the Lord and glorified him, saying, "My heart is strengthened in the Lord; My horn is exalted in my God. I smile at my enemies; I rejoice in your salvation."

What are our options when we come to deal with our issues? How strong is our faith? When we pray to God, we must believe that He knows what we need, even if it does not match our interests. "Thy will be done" should always be our prayer. When God answers our prayers, we should have the willingness to accept whatever He provides.

### The Epitome Mother

**H**annah's story tells us that it is by our reliance on God that we receive blessings. Hannah's faith in God, her strong desire for a child, her crying out to Him, and her faithfulness in taking Samuel to God as promised, are all signs of her true relationship with God. God's purpose for Hannah was greater than what she wished for having a child. He had a plan for Samuel to be in the right position at the right time for the rest of his life. The Lord did exalt Hannah above Peninnah, who was so arrogant of having several children and was repeatedly embarrassing Hannah.



*Mini Johnson Punchakonam*

Hannah's life stands as proof that God knows our minds, everything happens for a reason, and that faith in Him is never unfounded. Our fervent prayer and profound faith have a positive effect on our lives. She did not flee, and not did she complain to God about how tough life was. She must have realized and believed in her heart that God's plans for her child were much greater than hers. She knew she had to let him go and entrust him to God's tender care. She was also obedient and true to God. Hannah rejoiced in the Lord's redemption because she believed in it.

How can we deal with adversity? Since God is so powerful, let us pray and hope that He can remove the impediments on our ways. Let us give Him thanks for being our source of strength and grace. Always remember that there is a Living God who will take care of us and has already made arrangements for us when we fall in trouble. Our success depends on our ability to act in tandem with God. His grace is sufficient for us!

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## MAY 2021 CALENDAR

1 Saturday 6.00 pm Evening Prayer

2 Third Sunday after New Sunday: 8.30 am Morning Prayer followed by Divine Liturgy

5 Wednesday 7.00 pm Divine Liturgy and Intercessory prayers to St.Mary

8 Saturday 6.00 pm Evening Prayer

9 Fourth Sunday after New Sunday & Mother's Day: 8.30 am Morning Prayer followed by Divine Liturgy

12 Wednesday 7.00 pm Holy Ascension Divine Eucharist and Intercessory prayers to St.Mary

15 Saturday 8.00 am Morning Prayer, followed by Divine Liturgy, Holy Baptism

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

16 Sunday before Pentecost 8.30 am morning prayer followed by Divine Liturgy

19 Wednesday 7.00 pm Divine Eucharist and Intercessory prayers to St.Mary

22 Saturday 8.00 am Morning Prayer, followed by Divine Liturgy, Holy Baptism

2.00 pm Liturgical Music section with Fr.Dr.M P George

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

23 Sunday (Holy Pentecost & Feast of St.George) 8.30 am Morning Prayer followed by Divine Liturgy

26 Wednesday 7.00 pm Holy Eucharist and Intercessory prayers to St.Mary

29 Saturday 6.00 pm Evening Prayer

30 Sunday(First Sunday after Pentecost) 8.30 am Morning Prayer followed by Divine Liturgy

2 Wednesday 7.00 pm Holy Eucharist and Intercessory prayers to St.Mary





*Rev. Fr. John Geevarghese*



Rev. Fr. Geevarghese John was appointed as the vicar who celebrated the 1st Holy Qurbana on September 26th, 2010 along with Rev. Fr. K.Y. Wilson and Rev. Fr. M.T. Philip









# Happy Mother's Day





## MEMORY VERSES

### May 16

Luke 9:57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." Then He said to another, "Follow Me."

### May 23

John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst

### May 30

John 6:32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

## THEME OF THE WEEK

May 16 Assention

May 23 Pentecost

May 30 St.George



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